

Appl. No. 10/643,312
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PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-7, 10 and 11 are pending.

Claims 1 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, First paragraph.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, Second paragraph.

A Provisional Terminal Disclaimer on U.S. Appl. No. 11/177,177 was required.

It is noted with appreciation that the claims are otherwise allowable.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to recite that assignment of a logical device occurs when, among other things, the process command requires processing with the logical device, as recited for example in claim 11.

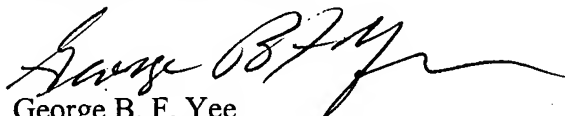
As to claim 11, occurrences of "that" have been replaced with the more proper term "said".

A Provisional Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the provisional double patenting rejection based on co-pending, commonly owned U.S. Appl. No. 11/177,177.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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